



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 533

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**AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF THE RELEASE OF A
REGISTERED SEXUAL OFFENDER INTO THE COMMUNITY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-258 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective September 1, 2009*):

3 (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes,
4 except subdivisions (3), (4) and (5) of this subsection, the registry
5 maintained by the Department of Public Safety shall be a public record
6 and shall be accessible to the public during normal business hours. The
7 Department of Public Safety shall make registry information available
8 to the public through the Internet. Not less than once per calendar
9 quarter, the Department of Public Safety shall issue notices to all print
10 and electronic media in the state regarding the availability and means
11 of accessing the registry. Each local police department and each state
12 police troop shall keep a record of all registration information
13 transmitted to it by the Department of Public Safety, and shall make
14 such information accessible to the public during normal business
15 hours.

16 (2) (A) Any state agency, the Judicial Department, any state police
17 troop or any local police department may, at its discretion, notify any
18 government agency, private organization or individual of registration
19 information when such agency, said department, such troop or such
20 local police department, as the case may be, believes such notification

21 is necessary to protect the public or any individual in any jurisdiction
22 from any person who is subject to registration under section 54-251,
23 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254.

24 (B) Whenever a registrant is released into the community, the
25 Department of Public Safety shall, by electronic mail, notify the
26 superintendent of schools for the school district in which the registrant
27 resides, or plans to reside, of such release and provide such
28 superintendent with the same registry information for such registrant
29 that the department makes available to the public through the Internet
30 under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

31 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of
32 this subsection, state agencies, the Judicial Department, state police
33 troops and local police departments shall not disclose the identity of
34 any victim of a crime committed by a registrant or treatment
35 information provided to the registry pursuant to sections 54-102g and
36 54-250 to 54-258a, inclusive, except to government agencies for bona
37 fide law enforcement or security purposes.

38 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of
39 this subsection, registration information the dissemination of which
40 has been restricted by court order pursuant to section 54-255 and
41 which is not otherwise subject to disclosure, shall not be a public
42 record and shall be released only for law enforcement purposes until
43 such restriction is removed by the court pursuant to said section.

44 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of
45 this subsection, a registrant's electronic mail address, instant message
46 address or other similar Internet communication identifier shall not be
47 a public record, except that the Department of Public Safety may
48 release such identifier for law enforcement or security purposes in
49 accordance with regulations adopted by the department. The
50 department shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to
51 specify the circumstances under which and the persons to whom such
52 identifiers may be released including, but not limited to, providers of

53 electronic communication service or remote computing service, as
54 those terms are defined in section 54-260b, and operators of Internet
55 web sites, and the procedure therefor.

56 (6) When any registrant completes the registrant's term of
57 registration or is otherwise released from the obligation to register
58 under section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254, the Department of
59 Public Safety shall notify any state police troop or local police
60 department having jurisdiction over the registrant's last reported
61 residence address that the person is no longer a registrant, and the
62 Department of Public Safety, state police troop and local police
63 department shall remove the registrant's name and information from
64 the registry.

65 (b) Neither the state nor any political subdivision of the state nor
66 any officer or employee thereof, shall be held civilly liable to any
67 registrant by reason of disclosure of any information regarding the
68 registrant that is released or disclosed in accordance with subsection
69 (a) of this section. The state and any political subdivision of the state
70 and, except in cases of wanton, reckless or malicious conduct, any
71 officer or employee thereof, shall be immune from liability for good
72 faith conduct in carrying out the provisions of subdivision (2) of
73 subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	September 1, 2009	54-258
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